The Pō-maunder of Prayers, made by Thomas Becon.

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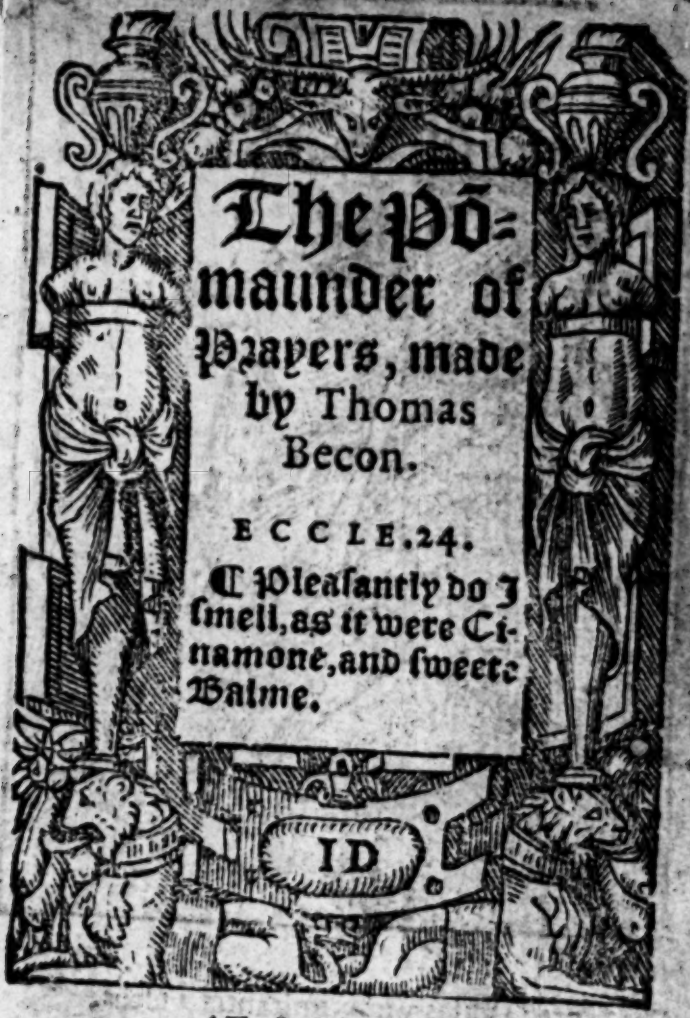
¶ Pleasantly do I smell, as it were Cinamone, and sweete Balme.



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¶ Cum Priuilegio Regiæ Maiestatis.

Ora expreſſa vides viuos imitantia vultus,
Quod potuit calamo Pictor,& arte vides:
Mentis, quam nullus potuit tibi reddere Pictor
Effigiem ſcriptis,præbuit ipſe ſuis.

¶ An exhortation to the Christian Reader.

HOw needefull (good Christiã Reader) prayer is, the manifold calamities of this miserable life, our Sauiour Iesus Christ, the Apostles, and other holy fathers do throughly teach vs. And for that prayer is a mournyng, and a desire of the spirite to Godward for that which she lacketh, euen as the sicke sorroweth in his hart, lõgyng for health: whereby (being reconciled to God by fayth) we may enioy the thing we craue, or haue need of: how desperate may we be thought thẽ to shew our selues slacke therein? how worthely suffer we daungers, that wilfully incurre the same? or which we may easily auoyde, if

we will our ſelues? Pray therfore in all places, and at all tymes, remember the readynes of Gods gracious loue, his gentlenes, and kyndneſſe: who biddeth vs to aſke, and it ſhall be geuen, to knocke: and it ſhall be opened. And whenſoeuer thou laboureſt, and art burdened, be thou aſſured the Lord will offer himſelfe to be reconciled, if thou thy ſelfe be willyng with faythfull prayer to call for the ſame. To the furtheryng wherof, and to make thee the more prone thereunto, thou haſt here a Manuell; or (as I may better ſay,) a ſweet Pommãder of Prayers, wherin thou haſt of all ſortes to apply vnto thy reliefe, as tyme and neceſsitie ſhall moue thee in that behalfe.

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The Pomander of Prayers.

¶ The Prayer for the Mornyng.

I Render vnto thee, (O heauēly father,) most hartie thankes by thy deare Sonne Jesus Christ, that this night past, thou hast vouchesafed of thy fatherly goodnesse, to preserue me from all euill, and to geue my body rest and sleepe: I

now moſt entirely be=ſeech thee that as thou haſt rayſed vp this my body from ſleepe: ſo like=wiſe thou wilt deliuer my mynd from the ſleepe of ſinne, & frō the darke=nes of this world, that I walkyng in the light of thy bleſſed word may onely do that is pleaſaūt in thy ſight profitable to mine neighbour & health full to my ſoule. Amen.

¶A prayer for the Euenyng.

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I Most humbly thanke thee, O mercyfull Father, for preseruyng me this day from all misfortunes, & for thy other benefites wherewith thou hast plēteously blessed me. I beseech thee forgeue me all my sinnes, wherewith I haue offended thy Fatherly goodnesse, from the very beginning of my life, vnto this present houre, & take me this night into thy tuition, that mine enemyes, may haue no power ouer me, but that my body

enioying a ſweete ſleepe, my mynde may continually watch vnto thee, & through fayth behold thy bleſſed Maieſtie with a perfect hope after this fraple and tranſitory life, to poſſeſſe that immortal and heauenly life, where thou gloriouſly liueſt, & reigneſt with thy onely begotten ſonne, and the holy Ghoſt, one, true, and euerlaſtyng God, world end. Amen.

A prayer for the forgeuenes of ſinne.

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O My Lord and onely Sauiour Iesu Christ, which camest into this worlde to take away the heauy burdens of them that were loden, to seeke that was lost, to call sinners vnto repentaunce, to geue euerlastyng life to the faithfull, and to be a mediator betwene God the Father & vs: I poore & wretched sinner from the very hart lament, & inwardly bewayle my sinfull and wretched life, desiryng that for

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dyng to thy mercyfull
wōt, to be my mediator
and aduocate vnto God
the Father, that he may
forgeue me all myne old
sinnes, & so wholly pos-
sesse my hart by his bles
sed spirite, that he may
defende me agaynst all
perils to come, whiche
the Deuill, the world, or
the flesh, imagineth a-
gainst me, and so change
me into a new man that
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wiped away in thy pre-
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cious bloud I may walke from vertue, to vertue, vnto the glory, and prayse of his blessed name. Amē.

A prayer vnto God the Father.

THy dearely beloued son (O most louyng Father,) taught vs in his holy Gospel, that to know thee to be the alone true God is euerlastyng lyfe. Graunt therefore we beseeche thee, that we may truly know thee, euen as we are taught by thy holy word,

worde, beleue with the hart, and confesse with the mouth, that thou alone art the true liuyng and immortall God our heauenly Father, our maker, our preseruer, & our defender, that we thus beleuyng and confessing, may through thy sonne Christe become heyres of euerlastyng life: and as we thus beleue & confesse of thee: so geue vs grace to shew forth this our fayth by godly conuersation and ver-

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vertuous liuyng, ỹ men seyng our good workes may glorifie thee our hea u nly Father, to whom be prayse for euer. Amē.

A prayer vnto God the Sonne.

O Lord Jesu Christ the sonne of the li= uing God, yea, very God him self, begottē of God the Father from euerla= styng and cōtinuing true and immortall GOD, worldes without end: by thee all thynges were made

made both in heauen & in earth. By thee also they be conserued and kept in a goodly order: thou art ỹ brightnes of thy fathers glory, thou art the very Image of his substance, in thee are hid all the treasures of wisedome and knowledge, in thee dwelleth all fulnes, by thee are we reconciled to God the father, by thee are we set at peace with him thorough the bloud of thy crosse, by thee we haue free acceſſe vnto the glorious

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rious throne of Gods Maiestie, and by thee are we brought in through fayth vnto this grace, wherein we stand & reioyce, in hope of the glory of God: We thanke thee for all thy benefites, & most humbly beseeche thee to geue vs grace faythfully to beleue in thee, stedfastly to cõfesse thee true God, and true mã, earnestly to acknowledge thee our alone redemer, sauiour, sãctifier, reconciler, intercessour, media=

mediator, and aduocate, that we altogether depē-dyng on thee and thy me-rites, on thy blessed pas-sion, precious death, and glorious resurrectiō, may study through thy grace, so to order our life in true holynesse and innocencie, that at the day of iudge-ment thou mayest present vs both body and soule vnto thy heauenly Fa-ther, and so for euer and euer place vs in thy glorious kingdome.

Amen.

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Vnto God the holy Ghost.

O Holy and blessed spirite, whiche beyng true & euerlastyng God, with God the Father, and God the sonne procædest from them both, full of maiestie and power, which also, with thy heauenly breath quickenest the myndes of them that afore were dead thorough sinne, makest merry the harts of the faithfull penitent, bringest in

to the way of truth all such as haue erred and are deceiued, settest at one, such as were at bate, cõfortest the soules of them that hunger and thyrst after righteousnes, and plenteously enrichest them with diuers giftes whiche pray vnto thee in the name of Iesus Christ, purifie our hartes we beseech thee with the fire of thy loue, mortifie in vs whatsoeuer is not thine, renue & garnish our minds with thy

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thy heauenly benefites & ſpiritual giftes, that they may be made thy tẽples, lead vs into all neceſſary truth, ſuffer vs not to be caried about with diuers and ſtraũge doctrine, but alway to remaine in that doctrine, wherof thou alone art the author, & arme our ſoules agaynſt the craftie aſſaultes of ſubtill Sathan, agaynſt the vayne pleaſures of the wicked world, and agaynſt the lewd luſtes of filthy fleſhe, that we

beyng replenished with thy holy breath, may doe that onely whiche is acceptable in thy Godly sight. Amen.

Prayers of the Magistrates.

FOr as much as it is thy Godly pleasure O kyng of kynges, & Lord of Lordes, to appoint me among other, a ruler of thy people geue me grace I beseech thee, so to minister the commō weale, and so to execute my office,

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fice, that I may please thee, and hurt no man in all my doynges, but iudge equally, & iustly rule according to thy will, shew my selfe a father vnto thy people, and so behaue my selfe in all myne enterprises that I seekyng thy glory, the furtheraunce of thy blessed Gospell, and the weale of the subiects, may (whē thou shalt rēder to euery man accordyng to his dædes) be found blameles̄es in thy sight, thorough Iesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Of the ministers of Gods word.

O Thou highe Priest and euerlasting Bishop Jesus Christ the alone teacher of all godly truth, and the onely Curate of our soules, which by thy holy worde hast appoynted some of thy congregation to be Ministers and preachers of thy blessed law and glorious Gospell, that by this meanes (the holy Ghost also working) they

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they may call ſinners vnto repẽtaunce, preach remiſſion of ſinnes in thy name, perſwade vnto vertue, and diſſwade frõ vice: for as much as it hath pleaſed thee to call me, an vnprofitable ſeruaunt, vnto that holy office of miniſtracion, and to make me a preacher of thy word, I moſt hũbly beſeeche thee to geue me thy holy ſpirite, ẅhiche may lead me into al truth inſtruct me & the knowledge of thy holy miſte-

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ries, & through his heauenly inspiration to prepare my hart, and order my tongue that I may neither thinke, breath, nor speake any thyng, but that may turne vnto thy glory, and the edifying of thy flock. Graūt also, that what so euer I preach in word, I may fulfill the same in worke vnto the example of that thy flocke, which thou hast purchased with thy precious bloud, that whē thou the chief shepheard

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shalt appeare, I beyng found faythfull in my office, may thorough thy goodnesse receaue the incorruptible crown of glory. Amen.

¶Of subiectes, or commons.

AS it is thy godly appointment, O Lord God, that some should beare rule in this worlde to sée thy glory set forth and common peace kept: so it is thy pleasure agayne, that some should

be subiectes, and inferiours to other in their vocation, although before thee there is no respect of persons. And for as much as it is thy good will to appoint me in the number of subiectes: I beseech thee to gene me a faithfull and an obedient hart vnto the hygh powers, that there may be found in me no disobedience, no treason, no falsehood, no dissimulation, no insurrection, no commotion, no conspiracy, nor

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any kinde of rebellion in woꝛd oꝛ in deede againſt the ciuill Magiſtrates, but all faithfulnes, obedience, quietneſſe, ſubiectiō, humilitie, and what ſoeuer els becommeth a Subiect, that I liuyng here in all lowlyneſſe of mynde, may at the laſt day thꝛough thy fauour be lifted vp vnto euerlaſtyng glozy, where thou with the father, and the holy Ghoſt, liueſt and reigneſt very God foꝛ euer. Amen.

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PHI.

¶Of Fathers and Mothers.

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THe fruite of the womb: and the multitude of children is thy gifte and blessyng (O Lord) guē to this end, that they may liue to thy glory, and the commoditie of their neighbour. Forasmuch therfore as thou of thy goodnes hast geuē me children: I beseech thee giue me also grace to trayne them vp cuē frō theyr cradles in thy nourture & doctrine, in

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in thy holy lawes, and blessed ordinaunces, that from their very young age, they may know thee, beleeue in thee, feare and loue thee, & diligently walke in thy cōmaūdemētes, vnto the prayse of thy glorious name. Amen.

¶Of children.

THou hast giuē a commaundement in thy law (O heauēly father) that children should honor their Fathers and Mo=

Mothers: I moſt humbly beſeech thee therfore to breath thy holy ſpirit into my breſt, that I may reuerēce and honor my Father & Mother, not onely with ontward geſtures of my body: but alſo with the vnfained affectiō of the hart, loue them, obey them, pray for them, helpe thē, and do for them, both in word and deede, whatſoeuer lieth in my power, that thou ſeyng myne vnfayned hartie good

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will toward my parētes mayest become my lo=uyng heauenly Father, and number me among these thy children, whō thou hast appoynted frō euerlasting heyres of thy glorious kyngdome thorough thy welbeloued sonne Iesus Christe our Lord. Amen.

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¶Of Maisters.

Thy commaundement is by thyne holy Apostle (O most mercyfull Lord Christ) tha=ma=

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masters should entreat their seruauntes gently, puttyng away threatnynges, and doyng that vnto them which is iust and equal, for asmuch as we also haue a master in in heauen, with whom there is no respect of persons: Graunt I, most hartily pray thee, that I may so order my seruauntes, that I attēpt none vnrighteousnes agaynst them, but so vse my rule and authoritie ouer thē that I may alway

way remember that thou art the common Lord of all, & we all thy seruaūts: agayne that I may not forget that we be all bro-thers, hauyng one father, which is in heauē, & looke for one glorious kyng-dome, where thou with the Father and the holy Ghost, liuest and reignest true & euerlastyng God, for euer. Amen.

Of seruauntes.

O Lord we are com-maūded by thy blef-

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should honour and obey
our bodily masters with
feare and trembling, not
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sters, as though we serued God and not men. Graūt me grace I most humbly beseech thee, so to serue my maister, and my superiours, that there may be founde no fault in me, but that I behauyng my selfe vpryghtly, iustly, faithfully, and truly in my vocation, may do worshyp to the doctrine of thee my God and Sauiour in all thynges. Amen.

¶Of Maydes.

There is nothyng that becometh a mayd bet-

ter thā ſilence, ſhamefaſtnes, and chaſtitie both of body & mynde. For theſe thynges beyng once loſt, ſhe is no more a mayde, but a ſtrūpet in the ſight of God: howſoeuer ſhe diſguiſeth her ſelfe, & diſſembleth with the world. I therfore moſt humbly beſeech thee (O merciful father) frō whō cōmeth euery good and perfect gift, & without whō we are able to do nothing, ✠ thou wilt ſo order my toung, & diſpoſe my talke that I ſpeake

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ſpeake nothyng but that becōmeth my ſtate, age, and perſon, neither that I delight to heare any talke, that might in any point moue me to lewdnes, ſeyng that euill wordes corrupt good maners. Giue me alſo ſuch ſhamefaſtneſſe as may plucke me away frō the delectatiō, either of thinkyng, ſpeaking, hearing, ſeyng, or doyng euill, that my whole delight may be in vertue, in godlines, in eſchewyng idlenеſſe, in

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wanton wicked compa-nie, that my mynde beyng free from euill affectes, & my body cleare frō all vn-clēnes, I may be found a meete temple for the holy Ghost to inhabite: if it be thy good pleasure hereafter to call me vnto the honora-ble state of matrimonie, y I may bring also vnto my husbād a pure & vnde-filed body, and so liue with him in thy feare vnto the prayse & glory of thy bles-sed name, Amen.

¶Of single Men.

LOrd thou hast commaūded by thine holy Apostle, that we should absteine frō fornication, and that euery one of vs should knowe how to kæpe his vessell, that is to say, his body in holynesse and honor, and not in the lust of concupiscēces as the heathē which know not God: I beseech thee giue me grace to behaue my selfe accordyng to this thy holy commaundemēt, that in this tyme of my single

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life I defile not my body with whordome or with any other vncleannesse: but so order my selfe w all honestie and pureness of life, that I may glorifie thee my Lord God both in body and spirite. Amen.

¶Of Husbandes.

FOrasmuch (O heauenly father) as thou hast called me from the single life, vnto the state of honorable wedlocke, which is thy good & blessed ordinaunce

dinaunce for all them to liue in, that haue not the gift of continence, & hast giuen me a woman to wife, that I liuyng with her in thy feare may auoyde all vncleanneſſe. I moſt hartily pray thee giue me grace, to liue wth her accordyng to thy godly pleaſure: kill in me all filthy and fleſhly luſtes: ſuffer me not to delight in any ſtraunge fleſh, but to content my ſelfe onely with her loue, to loue her as Chriſt loued the con=

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congregation, to cherish her as I would cherish mine owne body, to prouide for her accordyng to my abilitie, to instruct her with the knowledge of thy blessed worde, quietly and peaceably to liue with her, & to agree together in such perfect concord and vnitie, as is found among many mẽbers in one body, seyng now that we also are no more two, but one flesh, that other seing our godly & quiet conuersation, may

may hereby be prouoked to forsake their filthy liuing, & so imbrace the holy state of honorable wedlocke vnto the glory and prayse of thy holy name. Amen.

Of Wiues.

O Lord forasmuch as thou of thy fatherly goodnesse hast vouched safe to kepe me from my tender age vnto this present, and hast now called me frō my single life, vnto the holy state of honorable

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rable wedlocke, that I liuing therein, might accordyng to thine ordinaunce bring forth children vnto thy glorye. Giue me grace I most entirely beseeche thee to walke worthy of my vocation, to knowledge my husband to bee my head, to be subiect vnto him, to learne thy blessed word of him, to reuerence him, to obey him, to please him, to be ruled by him, peaceably and quietly to liue with him,

him, to weare such apparell as is meete for my degree, & by no meanes to delight in costly iewels & proude gallant vestures, but alway to vse such clothyng as becommeth a sober Christen woman, circumspectly & warely to looke vnto my household, that nothyng perish through my negligẽce, and alwayes haue a diligent eye that no dishonestie, no wickednes, no vngodlynes be committed in my house, but

that

that in it all thynges be ordered accordyng to thy holy wil, which art worthy all honor, glory, and prayse, for euer and euer. Amen.

¶A prayer for Women with Child.

THou O Lorde, art wonderfull in all thy workes, and whatsoeuer thy good pleasure is, that doest thou easily bryng to passe, neither is any thyng impossible with thee, that thou wilt haue done. And albeit

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workes: yet in the con=
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ly. At the beginnyng, O
heauenly Father, when
thou madest man & wo=
man, thou commaundest
them to encrease, multi=
plie, and replenishe the
earth. If thorough the
the subtill entisementes
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maundement by eatyng the forbidden fruite, the woman whom thou hast appointed the organ, instrument, and vessell to conceiue, nourish, & bryng forth man thorough thy wonderfull workemanshyp, had without any labour, payne, and trauell, brought forth her fruite. But that which thy goodnes made easie, sinne and disobedience hath made hard, paynfull and daungerous: and if thy helpe were not, impossible it

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were to bee brought to paſſe, ſo that now all wo-mē bring forth their chil-dren in great ſorrowes, paynes, & troubles. Not-withſtāding thou ſheweſt thy ſelfe vnto thy creatu-res a Father of mercies, and God of all conſola-tion. For that whiche through their owne im-perfection and feeblenes, they are not able of them ſelues to bring to paſſe: thou thorough thine vn-ſpeakable power makeſt it eaſie in them, and bring-geſt

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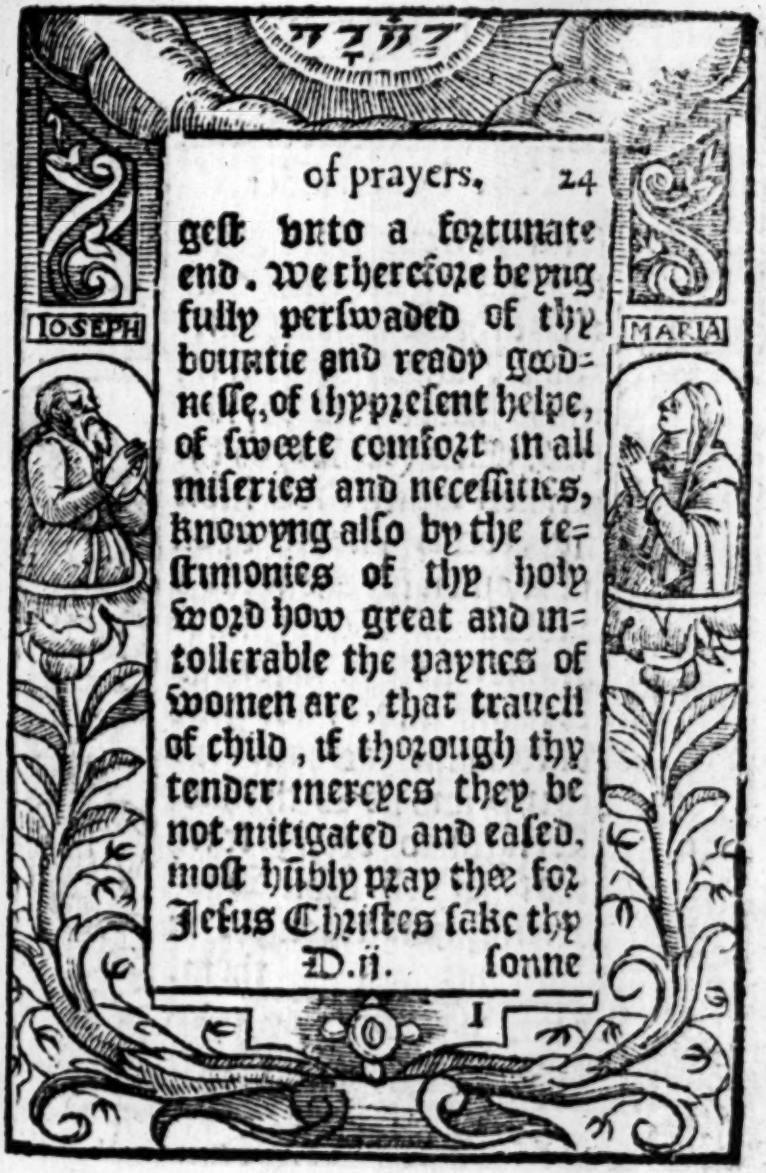

geſt vnto a fortunate end. We therefore beyng fully perſwaded of thy bountie and ready good-neſſe, of thy preſent helpe, of ſweete comfort in all miſeries and neceſſities, knowyng alſo by the teſtimonies of thy holy word how great and intollerable the paynes of women are, that trauell of child, if thorough thy tender mercyes they be not mitigated and eaſed. moſt hūbly pray thee for Jeſus Chriſtes ſake thy

ſonne and our Lord, that thy louyng kindnes may make that eaſie and tollerable, which ſinne hath made harde and paynefull. Eaſe (O Lord) the paynes which thou moſt righteouſly haſt put vpon all women for the ſinne & diſobedience of our grandmother Eue, in whom all we haue ſinned: and geue vnto all ſuch as haue conceiued and be with child, ſtrength to bryng forth that which thou wonderfully haſt wrought in them.

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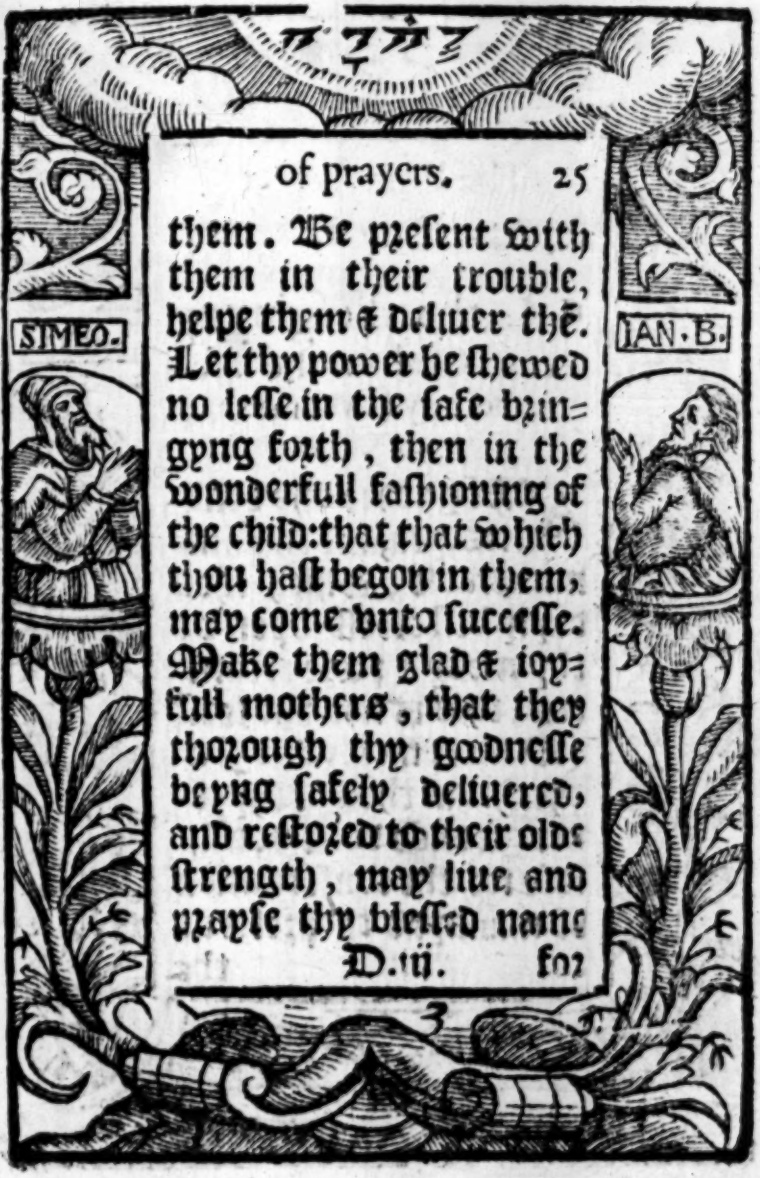

them. Be preſent with them in their trouble, helpe them & deliuer thē. Let thy power be ſhewed no leſſe in the ſafe bryngyng forth, then in the wonderfull faſhioning of the child: that that which thou haſt begon in them, may come vnto ſucceſſe. Make them glad & ioyfull mothers, that they thorough thy goodneſſe beyng ſafely deliuered, and reſtored to their olde ſtrength, may liue and prayſe thy bleſſed name

for euer. Amen.

¶ A thankesgiuyng vnto God for the safe deliuery of Women with Child.

AMong other thy benefites, yea, and those innumerable, which thou dayly bestowest vpon vs thy needy & poore creatures, this is not the least (O most mercyfull Father) that thou of thy tender goodnes dost vouchsafe for the conseruation of mankynd to preserue the

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the wome that are with child, & to geue them safe deliuerance of their burden, by this meanes makyng them glad and ioyfull mothers. For this thy benefite and good wil toward vs, we so hartily thanke thee, as hart can thinke, beseechyng thee to worke such thankefulnesse in the hartes of all mothers by thy holy spirite, that they beyng not vnmyndfull of this high benefite of their safe deliuerance wrought one-

ly by the Sauiour of all mankynde, may shewe themselues thākefull vnto thee, for this thy goodnes, and neuer forget that thy present helpe, & most sweete comfort, whiche thou mercifully shewedst vpō thē in their great trauels, labours, & paynes, when they fled vnto thy holy name for succour, as vnto a strong bulwarke, and holy defēce. Go forth, O Lord, to make thē the ioyfull mothers of many children. Endue thē with

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long life, that they may ſee their childrens childrē. And the childrē that thou geueſt vnto them, make thou as in age, ſo likewiſe in wiſedome, & in the aboūdaūce of thy holy ſpirite to encreaſe, that they may haue fauour both with thee, and with all good men, vnto the glory of thy moſt bleſſed name. Amen.

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¶ A priuate Prayer for women to ſay whē they are deliuered of Child.

SIMO.

IVDA.

O Almightie GOD, which onely hast deliuered by thy wonderfull worke, me thy humble seruaunt frō the great payne & perill of my child byrth: Graunt me now I beseech thee, most mercyfull Father, that I thorough thy helpe may both faithfully liue & walke in my vocation, according to thy will, in this present lyfe. And graunt thorough thy deare sonne Iesus Christ that when the dayes of this my pilgrimage shalbe

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be ended I may rest in thy peace, in thy heauenly kyngdome. Amen.

PAVL.

SIMI.

¶Of Housholders.

TO haue childzen and seruants, is thy blessing (O Lord:) but not to ozder thē accozdyng to thy wozde deserueth thy dzeadfull curse. Graunt therefoze, that as thou hast blessed me with an houshold: so I may diligently watch, that nothyng be cōmitted of the same, that might offende thy

thy fatherly goodnesse, & be an occasion of turning thy blessing into cursing, but that so many as thou hast committed to my charge, may eschue all vice, embrace all vertue, liue in thy feare, call vpō thy name, learne thy blessed cōmaūdemēts, heare thy holy word, and auoyding idlenesse, diligently exercise them selues euery one in his office, according to their vocation and callyng, vnto the glory of thy most holy

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ly name. Amen.

¶Of all Christians.

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ALbeit (O heauēly father) all we that vnfaynedly profesſe thy holy religiō, and faythfully call on thy blessed name, are thy ſonnes & heyres of euerlastyng glory: yet as all the members of a body haue not one office, ſo likewiſe we being many, & makyng one body, wherof thy dearely beloued ſonne is the head, haue not all one gift: neither

ther are we all called to one office: but as it hath pleased thee to distribute, so receiue we. We therfore most humbly pray thee, to send the spirite of loue & concord amōg vs, without any disorder or debate, that euery one of vs may be content with our calling, quietly liue in the same, study to do good vnto all men by the true and diligēt exercise therof, without to much seeking of our owne priuate gayne, and so order our life

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like in all pointes accor-dyng to thy godly will, that by welldoyng we may stop the mouthes of such foolish and igno-raunt people, as report vs to be euill doers, and cause thē through good workes to glorifie thee our Lord God in ỹ day of visitation. Amen.

¶ For the grace and fauour of God.

WHosoeuer lacketh Ex-cut thy grace, & fa-uour, O most gracious and

and fauourable Lord, al-
though for a time he wa-
loweth in all kynd of flesh
ly pleasures, and abound
with to much worldly ri-
ches, yet is he nothing els
but the wretched bond-
slaue of Sathan and the
vile dunghill of sinne. All
his pleasure is extreme
poyson, all his wealth no-
thyng but playne begge-
rie. For what felicitie cā
there be, where thy grace
& fauour wanteth? But
where thy grace & fauour
is present, though the de-

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uill roze, the woꝛld rage, the fleſhe ſwell, there is true bleſſednes, vnfained pleaſure, and continuall wealth. Powꝛe downe therefoꝛe thy heauenly grace, and fatherly fauour vpon vs, that we beyng aſſured of thy fauourable goodnes towards vs, may reioyce and glozy in thee, & haue merry hartes when ſo euer we be moſt aſſayled with any kynde of aduerſitie, be it pouertie oꝛ ſickenes, loſſe of frends, oꝛ perſecution foꝛ thy names

sake, to whom be glory for euer. Amen.

¶ For the gift of the holy Ghost.

SO fraile is our nature, so vile is our flesh, so lewde is our hart, so corrupt are our affectes, so wicked are all our thoughtes euen from our childehood vpward, that of our selues we can neither thinke, breath, speake, or do any thing that is prayse worthy in thy sight, O heauenly

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uely Father, yea, except thou doest assiste vs w thy mercyfull goodnesse, all thynges are so farre out of frame in vs, that we see nothyng present in our selues, but thy heauy displeasure, and eternal dānatiō. Vouchsafe therefore, O sweet Father, to sende thy holy spirite vnto vs, whiche may make vs new creatures, put away from vs all fleshly lustes, fill our hartes with new affectes, and

ſpirituall motions, and ſo altogether renne vs both in body and ſoule thzough his godly inſpiration, that we may dye vnto old Adam, and liue vnto thee in newneſſe of life, ſeruyng thee our Lord God in holines and righteouſnes all the dayes of our life. Amē

¶ For the true knowledge of our ſelues.

IT is written in thy holy Goſpell, moſt louyng ſauiour, that thou cameſt into this woꝛld not to call the

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the righteous, that is such as iustifie themselues, but sinners vnto repentaunce. Suffer me not therfore (O Lord) to be in the number of those iusticiaries, which boasting in their owne workes and merites despise the righteousnesse that commeth by fayth, which alone is alowable before thee. Geue me grace to know, and to knowledge my selfe as I am, euen the sonne of wrath by nature, a wret

ched sinner, and an vnpro fitable seruaunt, & wholy to depend on thy mer= cifull goodnes with strōg and vnshaken faith, that in this world thou mayst continually call me vnto true repentaunce, seyng I continually sinne, & in the world to come bring me vnto euerlasting glo= ry. Amen.

¶For a pure and a cleane hart.

THe hart of man natu= rally is lewd and vn= sear=

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searcheable through the multitude of sins, which as in a stinking dunghill lyeth buryed in it, in so much that no man is able to say, my hart is cleane, and I am cleane from sinne. Remoue frō me therfore, O heauenly Father, my leuod, stony, stubburne, stinkyng, and vnfaythfull hart, create in me a cleane hart & ree frō all noysome and vngodly thoughtes. Breath into my hart by thy holy spirite, godly and spiri-

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tuall motions, that out of the good treasure of the hart, I may bryng forth good thynges vnto the prayse and glory of thy name. Amen.

For a quiet conscience.

The wicked is like a raging sea, which is neuer in quiet, neither is there any peace to the vngodly: but such as loue thy law (O Lord) they haue plēty of peace, they haue quiet myndes and contented consciences,

ces, which is the greatest treasure vnder the sunne, geuen of thee to so many as seeke it at thy hand, with true fayth, and continuall prayer. Geue me (O Lorde) that ioyfull Jewell, cũ a quiet mynd and a free mery conscięce, that J beyng free frõ the damnable accusations of Sathan, from the craftie perswasiõs of the world, from the subtill entice-mentes of the flesh, from the heaue curse of the law, and fully perswaded

of thy mercyfull goodnes towarde me thorough faith in thy sonne Christ Iesu, may quietly serue thee both bodily & ghostly in holynes, and righteousnesse all the dayes of my life. Amen.

For Fayth.

FOrasmuch as nothing pleaseth thee that is done without fayth, appeare it before the blynd world neuer so beautifull and commendable, but is counted in thy sight sinfull

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full and dānable, yea, the selfe sinne and damnatiō. This is most humbly to desire thee, O father, for Christes sake to breath into my hart by the holy spirit this most precious & singular gift of fayth, which worketh by charitie, whereby also we are iustified and receiued into thy fauour, that I truly beleuyng in thee, & fully perswaded of thy holy word, may be made thy sonne, and inheritour of euerlasting glory, thorough

rough Jesu Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶For Charitie.

THy cognisãce & badge, whereby thy Disciples are knowen (O Lord & Sauiour Jesus Christ) is charitie or loue which commeth out of a pure hart, and of a good conscięce, and of fayth vnfayned. I pray thee therfore, giue me this Christẽ loue and perfect charitie, that I may loue thee my Lord God with all my hart,

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hart, with all my mynd, with all my soule, and with all my strēgth, doyng alway of very loue that onely which is pleasant in thy sight: agayn, that I may loue my neighbour, and Christē brother as my selfe, wishyng aswell to him, as to my selfe, and ready at all tymes to do for him what socuer lyeth in my power, that when we all shall stand before thy dreadfull iudging place, I beyng knowen by thy badge,

badge, may be numbred amõg thy Disciples, and so through thy mercy receiue the reward of eternall glory. Amen.

¶ For Pacience.

When thou liuedst in this world, O Lord Christ, thou shewedst thy selfe a meere mirrour of perfect patiẽce, suffering quietly not the spitefull wordes, but also the cruel deedes of thy most cruell enemies, forgeuing thẽ, & praying for them whiche

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most tyrauntlike handled thee. Geue me grace (O thou most meke & louing lambe of God) to folow this thy patience, quietly to beare the slaunderous wordes of myne aduersaries, patiētly to suffer the cruell dædes of mine enemies, to forgeue them, to pray for them, yea, to do good for them, and by no meanes to go about once to auenge my selfe, but rather geue place vnto wrath, seyng that vengeaūce is thine, & thou wilt re=

reward, seyng also that thou helpest thē to their right that suffer wrong, that I thus patiētly suffering all euils, may afterward reigne with thee in glory. Amen.

¶ For Humilitie.

WHat haue we (O heauenly Father) that we haue not receiued? Euery good gift, & euery perfect gift is frō aboue, and commeth downe frō thee, which art the Father of lightes. Seyng then,

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then, all that we haue is thine, whether it perteine to the body, or to the soule, how can we be proud, and boast our selues of that whiche is none of our own: seyng also that as to giue, so to take away a-gayne thou art able, and wilt, when soeuer thy giftes be abused, and thou not knowledged to be the giuer of them. Take therfore away frō me all pride and hautmes of mynde, & graft in me true humilitie, that I may know-

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ledge thee the giuer of all good thynges, be thankefull vnto thee for them, & vse them vnto thy glory, and the profite of my neighbour: graunt also that all my glory and reioising may be in no earthly creatures, but in thee alone, which doest mercy, equitie, and righteousnes vpō earth. To thee alone be glory. Amen.

For Mercyfulnes.

THy dearely beloued sonne in his holy Gos-

pell

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pell exhorted vs to be mercyfull, euen as thou our heauenly father art mercyfull, and promiseth that if we be mercyfull to other, we shal obteine mercy of thee, which art the father of mercyes, & God of all consolation. Graūt therfore that for asmuch as thou art our Father, and we thy children, we may resemble thee in all our life and conuersatiō, and that as thou art beneficiall and liberall, not onely to the good, but also

to the euil: so we likewise may shewe our selues mercyfull, gētle, and liberall to so many as haue nede of our helpe, that at the dreadfull day of dome we may be found in the number of those mercyful whom thou shalt appoint by thy onely begotten sonne to go into euerlastyng life, to whō with thee, and the holy Ghost be all honour and prayse. Amen.

¶ For true Godlines.

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IN thy law, O thou maker of heauē and earth, thou hast appointed vs a way to walke in, & hast cōmaūded that we should turne neither on ỹ right hand, nor on the left, but do accordyng to thy good will and pleasure, without addyng of our owne good ententes and fleshly imaginations. As thou hast commaunded so giue me grace good Lord to do. Let me neither follow myne owne will, nor the fantasies of other mē, neither

ther let me be beguiled with the vifard of olde cuſtomes, long vſages, fathers, decrees, auncient lawes, nor any other thing that fighteth with thy holy ordinances, and bleſſed cõmaundements, but faithfully beleue, and ſtedfaſtly confeſſe that to be the true Godlyneſſe which is learned in thy holy Bible, and accordyng vnto the prayſe of thy holy name. Amen.

For the true vnderſtandyng of Gods word.

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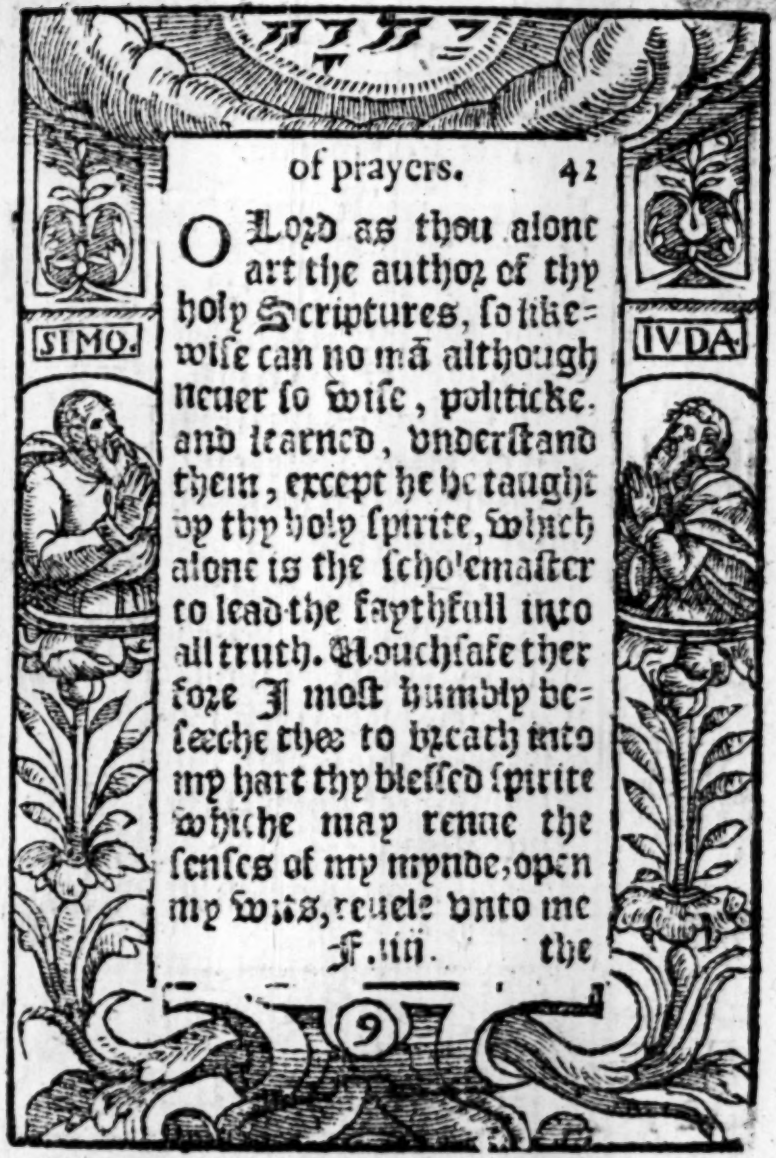

O Lord as thou alone art the author of thy holy Scriptures, so likewise can no mā although neuer so wise, politicke and learned, vnderstand them, except he be taught by thy holy spirite, which alone is the scholemaster to lead the faythfull into all truth. Vouchsafe therfore I most humbly beseeche thee to breath into my hart thy blessed spirite whiche may renne the senses of my mynde, open my wits, reuele vnto me

the true vnderſtandyng of thy holy Miſteries, and plant in me ſuch a certeine and infallible knowledge of thy truth, that no ſubtill perſwaſion of mans wiſedome may plucke me from thy truth but that as I haue learned the true vnderſtāding of the bleſſed will, ſo I may remaine in the ſame continually, come life, come death, vnto the glory of thy bleſſed name. Amen.

Becon, T.

For a life agreable to our knowledge.

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MAR.

AS I haue prayed vnto thee (O heauenly father) to be taught the true vnderstandyng of thy blessed word by thy holy spirite, so I most entirely beseche thee, to giue me grace to lead a life agreable to my knowledge. Suffer me not to be of the number of thē which professe that they know God with their mouthes, but deny him with their deedes. Let

me not be like vnto that ſonne, which ſayd vnto his Father, that hee would labour in his vineyard, and yet laboured nothyng at all, but went abroad ioyteringe idely. Make me rather like vnto the good and fruitefull land, which yeldeth agayne her ſeede with great increaſe, that men ſeyng my good workes, may glorifie thee my heauenly Father. Amen.

LVC.

IOA.

¶ For the health of the body.

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I Feele in my selfe, O mercifull sauiour, how greeuous a prisō this my body is vnto my soule, whiche continually wi= sheth to be loosed out of this vile carkasse, and to come vnto thee, seyng it hath here no rest, but is at euery houre vexed wᵗ the filthy lustes of the flesshe, with the wicked assaultes of the deuill and the world, and is neuer at quiet, but alway in daunger to be ouercome of her enemies, were it not

not preserued of thy good nes by the ministery and seruice done of thy holy Angels. Notwithstandyng, O moste louyng Lord, for asmuch as it is thy good pleasure, that my body and soule shall still remayne here together as yet in this vale of misery: I beseech thee to preserue my soule frō all vice, and my body from all sickenesse, that I enioying thorough thy benefite, the health both of body and soule, may

may be the more able to serue thee, and my neighbour in such workes as are acceptable in thy sight Amen.

For a good name.

NOthyng becommeth the professour of thy name better (O heauenly Father) thē so to behaue him selfe accordyng to his profession, that he may be well reported of thē that be of the houshold of faith, yea such sinceritie & purenesse of life ought to be in them

thē which profesſe thy ho-
ly name, that the very
aduerſaries of thy truth
ſhould be aſhamed once
to mutter agaynſt them.
Giue me grace therefore
I moſt intirely deſire
thee, ſo to frame my life
accordyng to the rule of
thy bleſſed word, that I
may giue no man occaſiō
to ſpeake euill of me: but
rather ſo liue in my voca-
tiō, that I may be an en-
ſample to other to lyue
godly and vertuouſly, vn-
to the honor and prayſe of
thy

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thy glorious name. Amē

For a competent liuing.

ALthough I doubt not of thy fatherly prouision for this my poore and needy life, yet forasmuch as thou hast both commaunded, & taught me by thy deare sonne, to pray vnto thee for thinges necessary for this my life, I am bold at this present to come vnto thy diuine Maiestie, most humbly beseechyng thee that as thou hast geuen me lyfe,

so

so thou wilt giue me meate and drinke to sustaine the same. Agayne as thou hast giuen me a body, so thou wilt geue me clothes to couer it, that I hauyng sufficiēt for my hauyng, may the more freely, & with the quieter mynde apply my selfe vnto thy selfe vnto thy seruice, and honour. Amen.

¶For a patiēt and thākfull hart in sicknes.

Whō thou louest (O Lorde) him doest thou

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thou chaſten, yea euery ſonne that thou receiueſt, thou ſcourgeſt, and in ſo doyng thou offereſt thy ſelfe vnto him, as a father vnto his ſonne. For what ſonne is hee whom the Father chaſteneth not? Graunt therefore I moſt hartily pray thee, that when ſoeuer thou layeſt thy croſſe on me, and viſiteſt me with thy louyng ſcourge of ſickeneſſe, I may by no meanes ſtriue agaynſt thy fatherly pleaſure, but patiently & thãk

fully abide thy chastise-
mēt, euer being perswa-
ded that it is for ỹ health
both of my body & soule,
and that by this meanes
thou workest my salua-
tion, subduest the flesh
vnto the spirite, and ma-
kest me a new creature,
that I may hereafter
serue thee the more free-
ly, & cōtinue in thy feare
vnto my liues end. Amē

¶ For strength agaynst
the deuill, the world,
and the flesh.

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O Lord God, the deuill goeth aboute lyke a roaryng Lyon seekyng whom he may deuour. The flesh lusteth against the spirite. The world perswadeth vnto vanities, that we may forget thee, our Lord God, & so for euer be dāned. Thus are we miserably on euery side besieged of cruell and vnresistfull enemyes, and like at euery moment to perish, if we be not defended with thy Godly power agaynst their ty-

ranny. I therefore poore and wretched sinner, despayring of myne owne strengthes, whiche in dæde are none, most hartily pray thee to endue me with strength, frō aboue, that I may be able thorough thy helpe with strōg fayth to resist Sathan, with feruent prayer to mortifie the raging lustes of the flesh, with continuall meditation of thy holy law, to auoyde the foolishe vanities, and transitorie pleasures of this

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this worlde, that I thorough thy grace beyng set at libertie from the power of myne enemies, may liue and serue thee in holynesse and righteousnesse all the dayes of my life. Amen.

¶For the helpe of Gods holy Angels.

An infinite number of wicked Aungels are there (O Lord Christ) which without ceasing seeke my destructiō. Agaynst this excedyng

great multitude of euill spirites, send thou me thy blessed and heauenly Angels, which may pitche their tentes rounde about me, & so deliuer me from their tyrānny. Thou (O Lord) hast deliuered hell, and ouercome the prince of darknesse with all his ministers, yea, & that not for thy selfe, but for them that beleue in thee. Suffer me not therfore to be ouercome of Sathā, and of his seruaunts, but rather let me triumph ouer them,

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them, that ✠ thorough strong fayth, & the helpe of thy blessed Angell hauyng the victory of the hellishe army, may with a ioyfull hart say, Death where is thy sting? Hell where is thy victory? & so for euer & euer magnifie thy holy name. Amen.

¶For the glory of Heauen.

THe ioyes (O Lord) which thou hast prepared for them that loue thee, no eye hath sene, no care hath heard, neither

is any hart able to think. But as the ioyes are great and vnspeakeable, so are there few that do enioy them. For streight is the gate, & narrow is the way, which leadeth vnto life, and few there be that finde it. Notwithstandyng, O heauēly Father, thou hast a litle flocke, to whom it is thy pleasure to giue the glorious kyngdome of heauen. There is a certaine number of sheepe, that heare thy voyce, whom

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whom no man is able to plucke out of thy hand, which shall neuer perish, to whom also thou shalt geue eternall lyfe: Make me therfore, O Lord, of that number, whom thou frō euerlasting hast predestinate to be saued, whose names also are writtē in the booke of life: pluck me out of the company of the stinkyng Goates, which shall stand on thy left hād and be damned, and place me amōg those thy sheepe which stand on thy right

hand, & be saued. Graūt me this (O mercyfull Father) for thy deare lons sake Iesus Christ our Lord. So shall I enioying this singuler benefite at thy hand, and beyng placed in thy glorious kyngdome, sing perpetuall prayses to thy godly Maiestie, whiche liuest and reignest with thy dearely beloued son, and the holy Ghost, one true & euerlastyng God.

Amen.

Other

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✻ Other Godly Prayers.

¶ Agaynſt temptation.

LOrde Jeſu Chriſt the oncly defēce of mortall craftie, our oncly hope, health, welfare, victory, glory, and triumph, who ſuffered ſt thy ſelfe to be tempted of Sathā in the fleſh whiche thou tookeſt vpon thee for our ſakes

and

and who al onely hast ouercome sinne, death, the world, the deuill, and all the kyngdome of hell, and what soeuer thou ouercamest, thou ouercamest it in our behalfe, of purpose that thy seruauntes should not incoũter with them to any other intent, but to be crowned at thy hãd the more royally, and to ouerthrow the enemy in thy members also, whõ thou haddest vanquished in thy selfe: giue I beseech thæ thou inuincible

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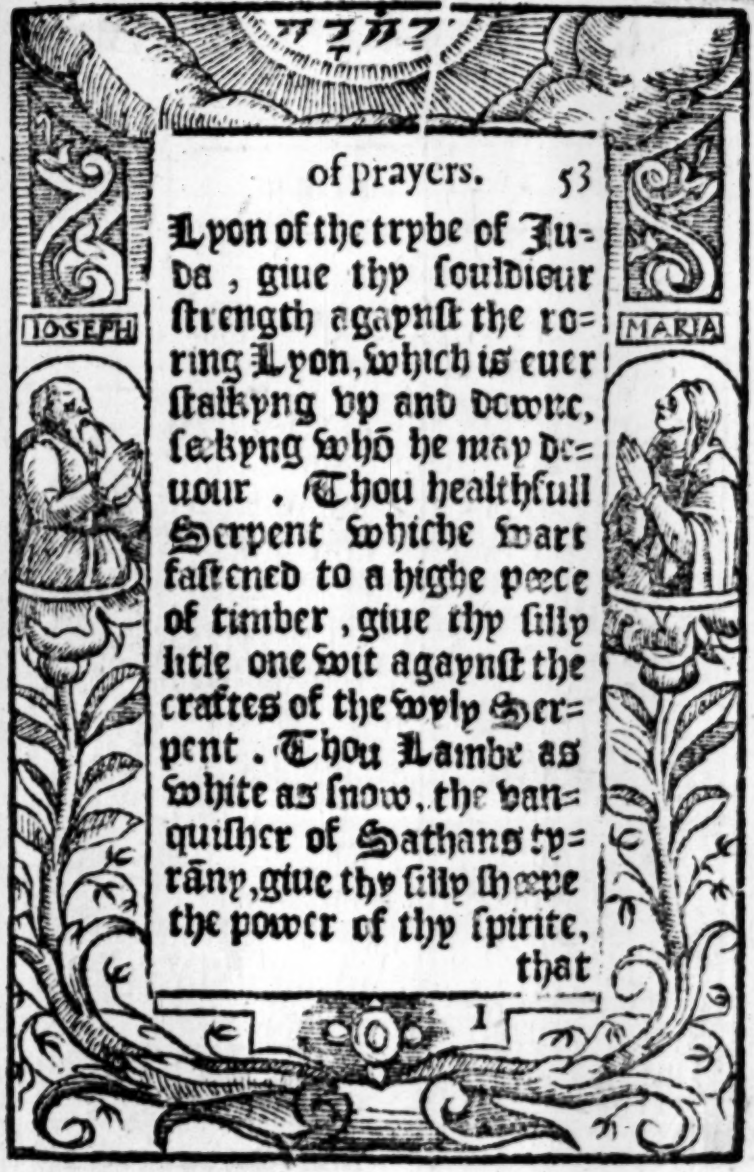

LYon of the trybe of Iuda, giue thy ſouldioure ſtrength agaynſt the roring Lyon, which is euer ſtalkyng vp and downe, ſeekyng whō he may deuour. Thou healthfull Serpent whiche wart faſtened to a highe peece of timber, giue thy ſilly litle one wit agaynſt the craftes of the wyly Serpent. Thou Lambe as white as ſnow, the vanquiſher of Sathans tyrāny, giue thy ſilly ſheepe the power of thy ſpirite, that

that beyng weake in him selfe and strong in thee, he may ouercome all the assaultes of Sathan. Let not myne enemy triumph ouer me: but gettyng the vpper hãd by thy meanes let me giue thankes to thee for thy mercy, which neuer fayleth them that trust in thee, who liuest and reignest. &c. Amen.

¶ A thankesgiuyng for victorie in temptation.

I Thanke thee O Lord Iesu, by the inspiratiõ of

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of whose grace the storme is ceassed and calmnesse is come agayne. To thee do I sing the mirthsong, thine is the victory, thorough thy name and not by myne owne weapons is that proud Golias ouerthrowen, all that euer is done is of thy doyng. For as in respect of mine owne abilitie, it is an vgly thing to consider how shamefully I shronke away, and into what an after deale I had headlong cast my selfe. But

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yet I out stode it, bycause I had fastened the foote of my hope, not in my selfe, but in thee onely, earnestly bearyng in mynde this saying of thy stout souldier, If God be on our side, who can be agaynst vs? And agayne, I am able to do all thynges, thorough him that strengthneth me. The same souldyer hath taught vs, to play the valiaunt men of warre in all pointes, and not to giue our selues to idlenesse

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nesse & ease, but to stand alwayes armed with spirituall armour as lōg as we take wages in this world, agaynst the assaultes of our enemies that neuer slæpe. Wherfore, O Sauiour, of all them that trust in thee, that the gift of fayth growyng dayly stronger and stronger in me, may abate the force of myne enemyes euery day more and more, vntill thou vouchsafe to call me hēce to the place where there

is not any incounter, peyne, or perill, but euerlastyng saftie and triumph in thee, by whose luckye leadyng, the field shalbe wonne, when thou shalt haue deliuered vp the kingdome to God thy father, with whom in the cõpany of the holy Ghost thou liuest and reignest for euer. Amen.

At the taking of shippe.

O Lorde Jesu who while thou diddest yet beare mortall flesh vpon

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MAT.

pon earth, diddest at the
request of thy Disci=
ples, appease the outra=
geous turmoyling of the
wyndes by thyne onely
word, & suddenly turne
the troublesomenesse of
the waues into a great
calme: and diddest walke
vpon the moyst waters,
as vpon substantiall dry
grounde, verely that it
might appeare how thou
art kyng and creator of
all thynges, as well in
heauē as in earth and in
the Sea: I beseech the:

which art the onely lode-starre of good lucke and safegard in dæde, shyne thou vnto vs in this our saylyng in stede of the two Castors of the Gentils: that we may giue the thankes for thy mercy in all places, to whom be all honor and souereintie for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ At ones goyng on warfare or to battayle.

ALmighty king of Sabaoth that is to say of hostes, whiche by thyne An-

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Angels therunto appoin ted doest order both the warres & peace of coun= treys, and gauest both courage and strength to young Dauid, so as he beyng small of person, vnarmed, and ignorant of feates of armes, did both assayle and ouer= throw the houge Golias with a slyng: if this case be rightfull, and that our entering into this warre be by compulsion, first I beseech thee turne the myndes of our enemyes

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to peace, that no Chriſtē bloud be ſhed vpon the ground: or els ſtrike ſuch feare into them as may make thē ſtraught, and agaſt: or els let the victory fall vnto that ſide whoſe cauſe thou likeſt beſt of, with as little bloudſhed, hurt, & loſſe of people as may be: that the warre may ſoone be ended, and we with one conſent ſing ſonges of victory and triumph vnto thee, which reigneſt in all men & ouer all. Amen

At

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¶ At the tyme of Mariage.

MOst louyng Father, the maker, redeemer, and increase of mākynd, which euen at the very first begynnyng of the world diddest ordeine wedlocke betwene man and woman: and afterward diddest honour the same by causing thyne onely begotten sonne to be borne, though not of wedlocke, yet of a wedded woman: and agayne diddest beautifie it with

a misticall gift at Cana in Galilie, by turnyng of vnsauerie water into excellent wine: and which hast taught vs by thy chosen vessell Paul, that this comunction of man and wife is a great misterie in Christ and in his Church: & therfore hast commaunded by the same Paule, that the husband should loue his wife as Christ hath loued his Church: I beseeche thee so to prosper this Mariage begon in thy feare,

as

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as there may be but one mynde in both of vs specially in louyng and seruyng of thee. And like as it is thy wil that we should be but one flesh, and that chast and mutuall loue should hold vs continually and orderly knit together: so graunt thou that we may haue such issue, as may yeld accord of their mothers chastitie, by the louyng resemblance of their faces and bodyes to their fathers countenaunce, &

cause the entire loue betwixt their parentes to be yet more entire. And there with all graunt vs grace so to bring them vp, that they profiting by degrees of age and of thy gracious giftes, may at length atteyne to the fulnesse of Iesus Christ, which liueth & reigneth with thee in the company of the holy Ghost, worlde without end. Amen.

¶ In daunger of death,

The

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THe ſorrowes of death haue caught hold of me, and the ſtreames of my ſinnes are gone ouer me. The peynes of hell beſiege me, and the ſnares of death haue ouer taken me. But in my trouble I call vpon thee, O Lord, vnto thee, O my God do I cry. Heare my voyce out of thy holy Tẽple, let my crye come vp before thee and enter into thyne eares. Though I ſhould walke in the middes of the ſhadowe of death, yet will

will I not be afrayed by cause thou art with me.

A thankesgiuyng for victory in temptation.

WE haue passed thorough fire and water, & thou hast brought vs out into a coolyng place. Thou hast set my soule in lyfe, and not suffered my feete to be remoued. Accordyng to the multitude of my sorrowes, thy cõfortes haue gladded my soule: my soule is as a sparow escaped

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caped from the fowlers snare. Thou hast deliuered my soule from death, and my feete from slyding, to the intent I might sing before thee O Lord, in the land of the liuyng. Thou O Lord art the poore mās strength, thou art the needy mans stay in his trouble, hope in tyme of tempest, and his shelter from the heate.

For deliueraunce from enemies.

Lord

LOrd be thou my God of defence, & my strong hold to saue me in. For thou art my staffe to stād by, and my refuge. My God, plucke me out of the sinners hand, and out of the hand of the wicked, & of him that transgresseth the law. For thou Lord art my patiēce, thou O Lord art my hope frō my youth vp. In thee am I settled euen from my mothers wombe, thou art my protector, of thee will I alwayes make my songes.

For

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For cõsent in godlynes.

O GOD the louer of mankynde, which hast vouchsafed to giue men the gift of tounges, & therewith diddest furnishe thyne Apostles in tyme past by the holy Ghost from aboue for the preaching of the Gospell: graunt that all mẽ with all tounges, and in all places, may set forth the glory of thy sonne Jesus Christ, so as the toungs of all false Apostles may be cõfounded, which

which conspire to build vp the wicked tower of Babell, thereby to deface thy glory and to aduaunce their owne. For vnto thee alone with thy sonne our Lord Iesus Christ, and with thy holy spirite is all glory due for euermore. Amen.

For bridlyng of the toung and for a competent liuing.

WIcked and deceitfull speech remoue farre from me O Lord, put righte-

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righteous and wellsoun-
dyng woordes into my
mouth, and shet not the
lippes of them that sing
of thee. Gine thou me nei
ther riches nor pouertie,
but onely competent foode
and apparell: least beyng
ouer full I vomit it out
agayne, and aske who is
the Lord? or wanting ne-
cessaries, do fall to stea-
lyng, or take the name of
my God in vayne. Amen.

¶ A prayer for such as
are vnder the Crosse.

The Pommander

HEare me when I cal vpon thee O God of my righteousnesse: thou whiche comfortest me in my trouble, haue mercy vpon me & here my prayer. Vnto thee lord will I cry, holde not thy peace O my rocke, least I become like to them that go downe into the pitte. Bow downe thyne eare vnto me and make haste to rid me: be thou my strong rocke and house of defēce to saue me. For thou art my rocke and my

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my fortresse, and thou teachest and rulest me for thy names sake. Haue mercy vpon me O Lord for I am in trouble, myne eyes, myne belly, and my very soule do pyne awaye for anguish. My lyfe consumeth away in sorrow, and my yeares in mourning. Up Lord and saue me O my God, vp my Lorde God and let thy hand be exalted: forget not the poore. Looke backe vpon me and pitie me, for I am desolable and poore. The

troubles of my hart are multiplyed, rid me out of my distresses. Keepe my soule, deliuer me, and let me not bee ashamed of my puttyng of my trust in thee. Keepe me as the apple of ones eye, hyde me vnder the shadow of thy wynges. Turne not away thy face from me, neither shake thou of thy seruaunt in thine anger.

An other likewise out of the Psalmes.

BE thou my helper, and leaue me not, neither for=

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forsake thou O God of my welfare. Take away thy plagues from me, I faynt at the chastisemẽt of thy hand. Hyde not thy countenaunce from thy seruaunt, but here me quickly, for I am in trouble. Come neare me my soule and deliuer it, thou knowest my shame and my reproch. O God goe not farre from me, make haste to helpe me O my God. Keepe my soule for I am holy, O God saue thy seruaunt which

truſteth in the. For myne eyes are towardes thee, in thee do I hope, caſt not my ſoule away. Thou ſhalt quicke me O Lord for thy names ſake, and rid my ſoule out of trouble for thy righteouſneſſe ſake. Rid me and deliuer me in thy righteouſneſſe, be thou my ſtrong hold to flee vnto, for thou haſt promiſed to ſaue me. My hart ſayth vnto me, ſeeke thou his face: thy face O Lord will I ſeeke.

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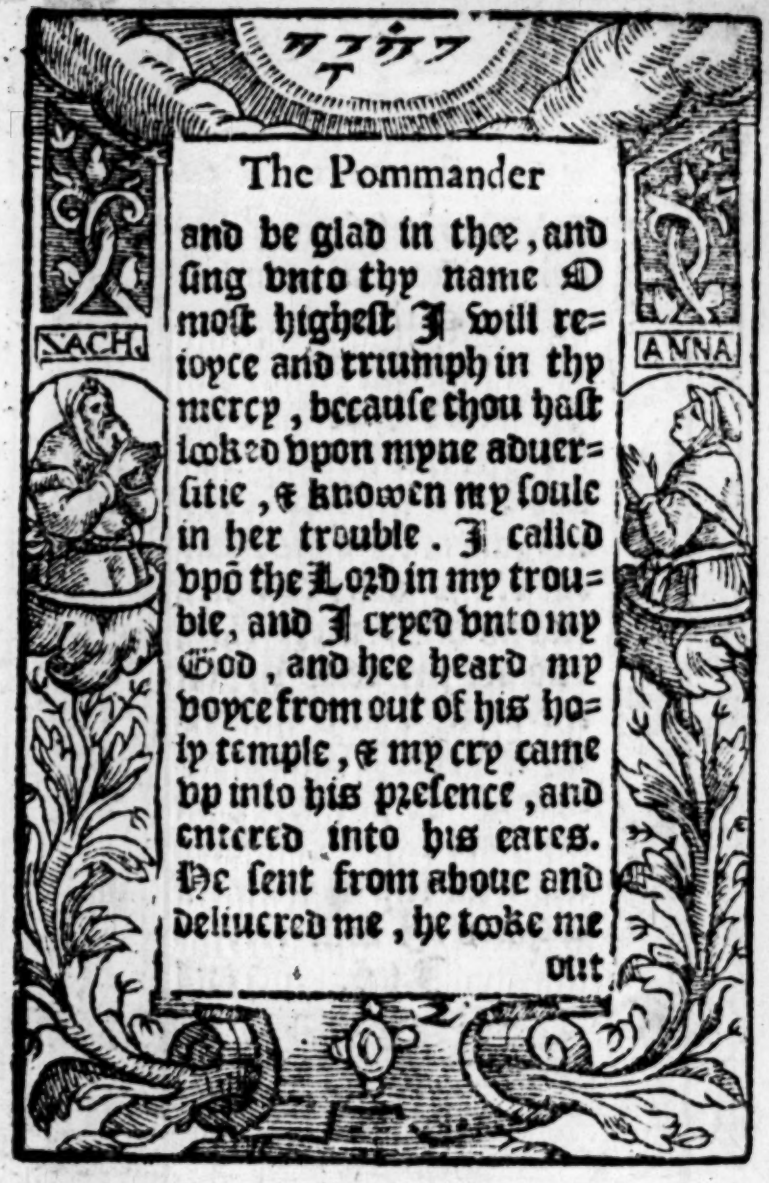
¶ A thankesgiuyng for deliueraũce out of trouble gathered out of the Pſalmes.

I Wayted & wayted for the Lord, and he inclined vnto me and heard my prayer. He drew me out of the lacke of miſerie and out of myry clay, and ſet my feete vppon the rocke, and ordered my ſteppes. I wil prayſe thee O Lorde with all my hart, I will ſhewe forth all thy wondrous workes. I will reioyce



and be glad in thee, and ſing vnto thy name O moſt higheſt I will reioyce and triumph in thy mercy, becauſe thou haſt looked vpon myne aduerſitie, & knowen my ſoule in her trouble. I called vpō the Lord in my trouble, and I cryed vnto my God, and hee heard my voyce from out of his holy temple, & my cry came vp into his preſence, and entered into his eares. He ſent from aboue and deliuered me, he tooke me out

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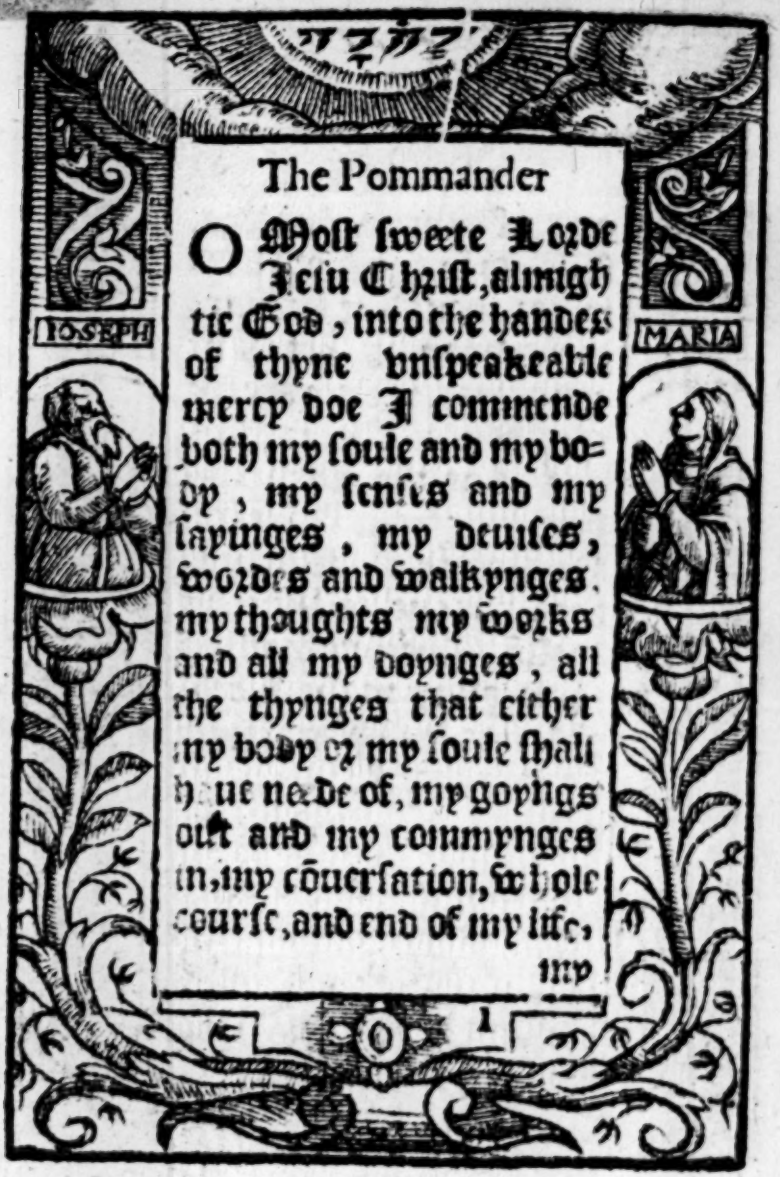
out of many waters. Blessed be the Lord dayly, for though he lay burthens vpon vs, yet is he our helper. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord riddeth him from them all. He keepeth all his bones, that not one of them is broke. Therfore shall my soule glory in the Lord, the poore shall heare it and be glad therof.

¶ A prayer for Christes continuall helpe or assistaunce.



The Pommander

O Moſt ſweete Lorde Jeſu Chriſt, almighty God, into the handes of thyne vnſpeakeable mercy doe I commende both my ſoule and my body, my ſenſes and my ſayinges, my deuiſes, wordes and walkynges. my thoughts my workes and all my doynges, all the thynges that either my body or my ſoule ſhall haue nede of, my goynges out and my commynges in, my cõuerſation, whole courſe, and end of my life, my

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my departure, my reſt, & my riſing agayne with thy choſen Saintes for euermore. Open my hart and my lippes this day to bleſſe & glorifie thy name which is bleſſed aboue all names. Cleanſe my hart from all cuill and froward thoughtes, that my lippes may alwayes prayſe thee, my mynde alwayes muſe vpō thee, my lyfe alwayes glorifie thee, and my ſoule bleſſe thee, as one that am created thorough thine only goodnes to ỹ glory of thy

thy name. Let me abyde thy faythfull seruaunt continually as long as I liue in this mortal world that I may afterwarde atteine to the sight of thy diuine Maiestie as one of thyne owne houshold. Amen.

¶ *Meditations for the Soule.*

¶ The godly beyng troubled bythe wicked, complayneth vnto God.

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O My God, my ſoule is full of trouble: and my life draweth nighe vnto the graue. Pſalm. 88. The congregation of naughty mẽ haue ſought after my ſoule, and haue not ſet thee before their eyes. 86. They lay wayt for my ſoule. 56. My God, my ſoule is vexed within me: my ſoule is among Lions. 57. For many there be that ſay of my ſoule, there is no helpe for him in his God. 3. They gather them ſel-

ues

ues together agaynſt the ſoule of the righteous, & condemne the innocent bloud. My ſoule is ſore troubled: But Lorde how long wilt thou puniſh me? 6. My ſoule is filled with the ſcornefull reproofe of the wealthy, and with deceitfulneſſe of the proude. 123.

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¶ The godly beyng thus greeued, deſire God to be deliuered.

VP Lorde, diſapoynt them, and caſt them downe,

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downe, & deliuer my soule from the wicked. 17. My God, my soule is vexed within me. Oh keepe my soule and deliuer me. 25. My soule is brought low 44. And therefore vnto thee, O Lord, will I lift vp my soule. 25. My soule wayteth still vppon thee, O GOD: for of thee commeth my saluation. Saue me O God, for the waters are come nye, euen vnto my soule. 65. Oh draw nigh vnto my soule and saue it: Oh deli-

deliuer me because of myne enemies. Comfort the soule of thy seruaũt, for vnto thee do I lift vp vp my soule. 86. For my soule hath long dwelt among them that be enemies to peace. Oh Lord I beseeche thee deliuer my soule. 116. So shall my soule flye vnto the Lord before the morning watch.

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¶ That God would dismay their enemies by his promises.

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O My God, say vnto my soule, I am thy saluation. Let thē be confoūded and put to shame, that seeke after my soule to destroy it. 35. Then shall my soule be ioyful in the Lord, and reioyce in his saluation. Oh my soule, wayte still vppon God, for of him commeth my saluation.

SIMO.

IVDA.

¶ The Godly expressed how good God hath bene vnto them.

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LOrd ỹ hast brought my soule out of hell. 30. And hast deliuered my soule frō death. My soule hath patiently tarried for ỹ Lord. 31. My soule shal make her boast of the Lord: for the Lord deliuereth the soules of his seruauntes. 34. He that feareth the Lord, his soule shall dwell at ease. 25. He hath deliuered my soule in peace. 55. and hath deliuered my soule from death. 56. O my God, my soule han-

geth

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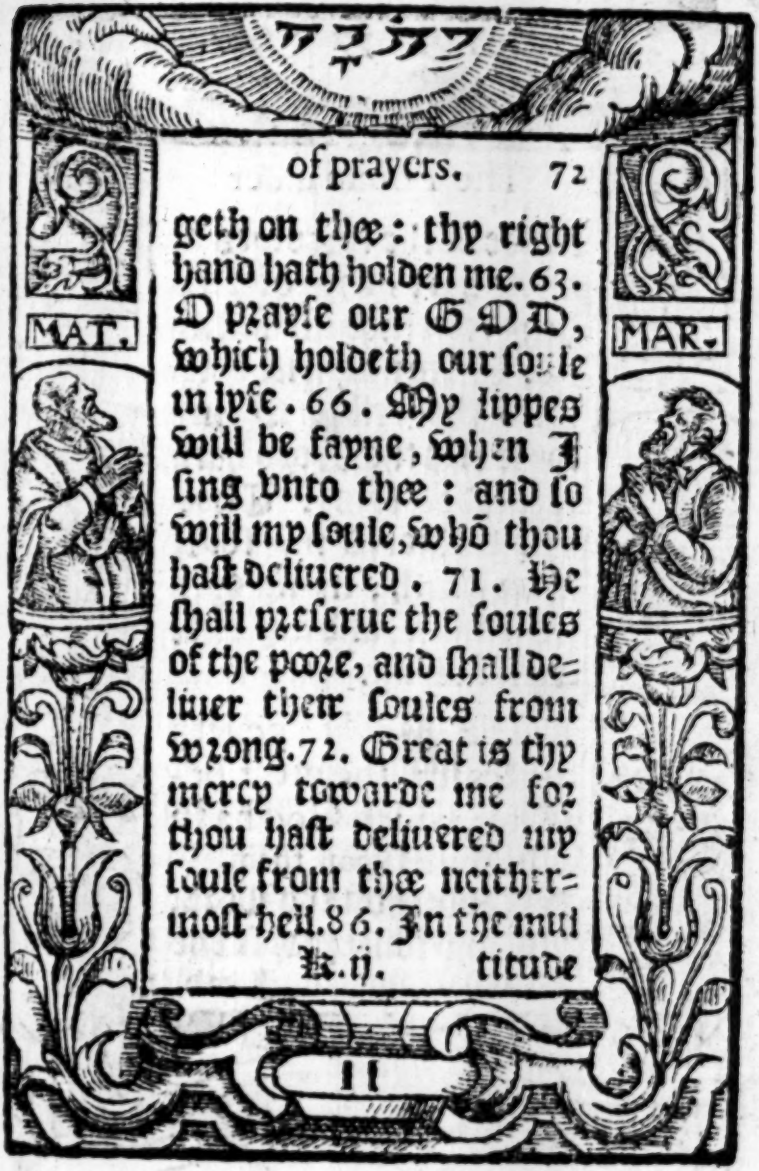
geth on thee: thy right hand hath holden me. 63. O prayse our GOD, which holdeth our soule in lyfe. 66. My lippes will be fayne, when I sing vnto thee: and so will my soule, whō thou hast deliuered. 71. He shall preserue the soules of the poore, and shall deliuer them soules from wrong. 72. Great is thy mercy towarde me for thou hast deliuered my soule from thee neithermost hell. 86. In the mul



titude of the ſorrowes of myne hart, thy cõfortes haue refreſhed my ſoule

93. Turne agayne therevnto thy reſt, O my ſoule: for the Lord hath rewarded thee. Thou haſt deliuered my ſoule from death, myne eyes frõ teares, and my feete from fallyng.

¶ The Godly geueth thãkes for the great benefites, which God hath beſtowed vpon them.

PRayſe thou the Lord, O my ſoule prayſe the Lord.

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Lord. 104. For he satisfieth the empty soule, and filleth the hungry soule with goodnes. 107. prayse the Lord, O my soule, and all that is within me prayse his holy name. 103. Prayse the Lord, O my soule, & forget not all his benefites: which forgiueth all thy sinne, & healeth all thine infirmities, and saueth thy life from destruction, & crowneth the with mercy and and louing kindnes: therfore O my soule prayse

thou the Lord, O my soule: while I liue I will prayse the Lorde: yea, as long as I haue any beyng I will sing prayses vnto my God.

¶ A thankesgeuyng vnto God for all his benefites.

THy benefites toward me (O most louyng father) are so great and infinite, whether I haue respect vnto my body, or vnto my soule, that I finde not in my selfe

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selfe how to recompence any part of thine vnspeakable goodnesse toward me. But thou which needest none of my goodes, knowyng our beggery, yea our nothyng, requirest of vs for a recompence of thy kyndnesse onely the sacrifice of prayse and thākesgiuyng. O Lord & mercyfull father, what worthy thankes am I poore and wretched sinner able to geue thee? Notwithstandyng trustyng on thy mercy & fauorable kind-

nesse, I offer vnto thee in the name of Christ, the sacrifice of prayse, euer thanking thee most hartily for all thy benefites which thou hast bestowed vpon me thine vnprofitable seruaunt, from the begynnyng of my life vnto this present houre, most humbly beseeching thee to continue thy louing kindnes toward me, & to giue me grace to walke worthy of this thy Fatherly goodnesse, that when thou shalt call me out of this care-

Becon, T.

carefull life, I may enioy that thy moſt ſingular and laſt benefite, whiche is euerlaſtyng glory thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whō with thee, and the holy Ghoſt be all honour and prayſe for euer. Amen.

¶ A prayer to our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, called *Conditor cœli & terræ.*

O Thy maker of heauen and earth, kyng of kynges, and Lorde of Lordes, whiche of no-

thyng didst make me to thy Image and likenes, & didst redæme me with thine owne precious blood: whom I a sinner and not worthy to name, neither to call vpon, neither with my hart to thinke vpō thee, hūbly I desire thee, & meekely pray thee, that gently thou doe behold me thy wicked seruaūt, and haue mercy on me, whiche hadst mercy on the woman of Canaan, and of Mary Magdalen,

Becon, T.

len, which diddest forgiue the Publican & the thæfe hangyng on the Crosse. Unto thee I confesse (O most holy Father) my sinnes, which if I would I can not hide from thee. Haue mercy on me, Christ: for I a wretch haue sore offended thee, in pride, in couetousnes, in glotony, in lechery, in vayneglory, in hatred, in enuy, in adultrie, in theft, in sportyng, in dissolute & wanton laughyng, in idle wordes, in hearing, in ta-

ltyng,

sting, in thinking, in slee-
ping, in working, and in
all wayes, in which I a
frayle man, & most wret
ched sinner might sinne.
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greeuous default, ther-
fore I most hũbly pray
and beseech thy gentle-
nes, which for my health
descended from heauen,
which did hold vp kyng
Dauid, that he should
not fall into sinne. Haue
mercy on me, O Lord,
haue mercy on me (O
Christ) the which didst
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forgiue) Peter that dyd forsake thee. Thou art my Creator and my helper, my maker and my redemer, my gouernour, my father, my God, and my kyng. Thou art my hope, my trust, my gouernour, my helpe, my comfort, my strength, my defence, my redemptiō, my life, my health, & my resurrection. Thou art my stedfastnesse, my refuge, and succour, my light, & my helpe. I most hūbly and hartily desire & pray thee

thee helpe me, defend me, make me strõg, and comfort me, make me stedfast, and make me merry, geue me light, and visite me, reuiue me agayne which am dead. For I am thy makyng, and thy worke: Oh Lord, despise me not I am thy seruaunt, thy bondman, although euill, although vnworthy, and a sinner. But what soeuer I am whether I be either good or bad, I am euer thine. Therefore to whom shal I flie, except

Becon, T.

I flee onely vnto thee: If thou cast me of, who shall or will receiue me? If thou despise me, and turne thy face from me, who shall looke vpō me? recognise & knowledge me? Although vnworthy comming to thee: although I be vile & vncleane, thou canst make me cleane. If I be sick, thou canst heale me. If I be dead & buried, thou canst reuiue me. For thy mercy is much more than myne miquitie, thou cāst for-

forgiue me more than I can offend. Therfore (O Lord) do not cõsider, nor haue respect to the number of my sinnes, but according to the greatnes of thy mercy forgiue me, & haue mercy on me most wretched sinner: say vnto my soule, I am thy health which sayest, I will not the death of a sinner, but rather that he lyue, and be conuerted, and turne to thee. Oh Lord be not angry with me, I pray thee most meeke Father,

for

Becon, T.

for thy great mercy, I moſt hũbly beſeech thee, that thou bryng me to the bleſſe that neuer ſhall ceaſſe. Amen.

¶A prayer to be ſayd at the houre of death.

O Lord Ieſu, whiche art the onely health of all men liuyng, and the euerlaſtyng life of them whiche dye in thy fayth. I wretched ſinner geue & ſubmit my ſelfe wholy vnto thy moſt bleſſed will. And I bryng ſure,

that the thyng can not perishe, whiche is committed vnto thy mercy: O LORD, geue me grace, that willyngly I may leaue this fraple and wicked flesh, in hope of the resurrection, which in better wise shall restore it to me agayne. I beseech thee (most mercyful Lord Jesus Christ) that thou wilt by thy grace make strong my soule against all temptations: and that thou wilt couer & defend me with the

Becon, T.

the buckler of thy mercy, agaynst all the assaultes of the Deuill. I see, and knowledge that there is in my selfe no helpe of saluation. But all my confidence, hope, and trust is in thy most mercyful goodnesse. I haue no merites, nor good workes, which I may alledge before thee. Of my sinnes, and euill workes, alas I see a great heape, but through thy mercy, I trust to be in the number of them, to whom thou wilt not im-

pute their sinnes : but take and accept me for righteous and iust, and to be the inheritour of e= uerlastyng life: thou mercyfull Lord wast borne for my sake, thou diddest suffer both hunger and thirst, for my sake, thou didst preach and teach, thou didst pray and fast for my sake, thou diddest all good woorkes and deeds for my sake. Thou sufferedst most greeuous paynes and torm̄etes for my sake. And finally thou

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thou gauest thy most pre-
cious body to dye, and thy
bloud to be shed on the
crosse for my sake. Now
most mercyful Sauiour,
let all these thynges pro-
fite me which thou freely
hast geuen me, that hast
geuē thy selfe for me. Let
thy bloud clēse and wash
away the spottes & foul-
nes of my sinnes. Let thy
righteousnesse hide & co-
uer myne vnrighteous-
nesse. Let the merites of
thy passiō and bloud be a
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geue me Lord thy grace, that my fayth and saluation in thy bloud wauer not in me, but euer be firme and constant, that the hope of thy mercy, & life euerlasting neuer decay in me, that charitie waxe not cold in me: finally, that the weakenes of my flesh be not ouercome with feare of death. Graūt me mercifull Sauiour, that when death hath shut vp the eyes of my body, yet that the eyes of my soule may still be=

Becon, T.

behold, and looke vppon thee, that when death hath taken away the vse of my toung, and speach, yet, that my heart may cry and say vnto thee: In manus tuas Domine cōmendo Spiritum meum: that is to say, O Lord, into thy hāds I geue, and commit my soule. Domine Iesu accipe spiritum meum: Lord Iesu, receiue my soule vnto thee. Amen.

¶ A thankesgiuyng vnto God for the departure of the faythfull out of this world.

O How can we (most louyng Father) render vnto thee sufficient thankes for thine inestimable goodnesse toward thy faythfull seruauntes, whom thou callyng out of this wretched world, vouchsafest to place in thy heauenly kyngdome among the glorious companie of thy holy Angels, and blessed Saintes. O full

Becon, T.

full precious is the death of the faythfull in thy sight. Blessed are the dead, that dye in thee (O Lord) for they are at rest from their paynefull trauailes, and labours. The soules of the righteous are in thy hand, O God, and the payne of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the vnwise, they appeare to dye, but they are in peace. They shine as the sparkes, that runne through the red bush. They glister as the

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shinyng of heauen. They are as the starres world without end. They are as angels of God. They are clad with white garmentes, and haue golden Crownes vppon their heades. They do seruice day and night before the glorious throne of thy diuine Maiestie. They neither hunger nor thirst any more, neither doth the Sunne or any heate fall vppon them: for the Lambe which is in the middest of the throne, gouer=

Becon, T.

uerneth them, and lea=
deth the vnto the liuyng
fountaines of waters:
they followe the Lambe
whether soeuer he goeth.
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that depart in thy fayth.
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it hath pleased thee to call our Christian brethren & sisters from this vale of miserie, vnto thy heauenly kyngdome, we geue vnto thee most harty thankes, humbly beseechyng thee, that thou wilt take like care for vs, and gouerne vs with thy holy spirite, both in sickenesse & in health, that we may liue a good and godly lyfe in this present world: & whē soeuer it shall be thy good pleasure to call vs hence, we may with strōg

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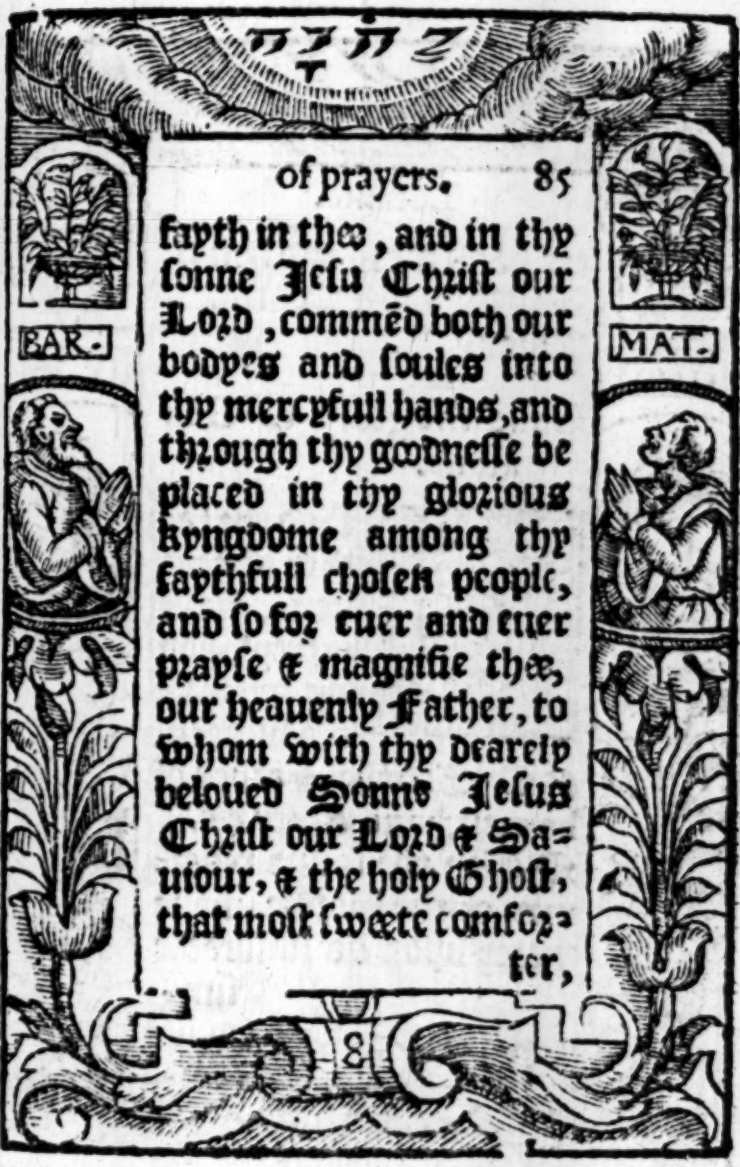

fayth in thee, and in thy ſonne Ieſu Chriſt our Lord, commẽd both our bodyes and ſoules into thy mercyfull hands, and through thy goodneſſe be placed in thy glorious kyngdome among thy faythfull choſen people, and ſo for euer and euer prayſe & magnifie thee, our heauenly Father, to whom with thy dearely beloued Sonne Ieſus Chriſt our Lord & Sauiour, & the holy Ghoſt, that moſt ſweete comfor-

ter,

ter, be all glory and honor, worlde without ende. Amen.

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Geue the glory to God alone.

O God the father of heauen, haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heauen, haue mercy. &c.

O God the sonne redeemer of the worlde, haue mercy vpon vs miserable sin-

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sinners.

¶ O God the sonne. &c.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

¶ O God the holy. &c.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinitie, three persons and one God: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

¶ O holy, blessed. &c.

Remember not Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither

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ther take thou vēgeance of our sinnes. Spare vs good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redœmed with thy most precious bloud, & be not angry with vs for euer.

℣ Spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and mischief, from sinne, from the crafte and assaultes of the deuill, frō thy wrath, & from euerlasting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all blindnesse of hart, from pride, vayn-

glo-

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glozy, and hypocrisie, frō enuy, hatred, and malice, and all vncharitablenes.
Good Lozd deliuer vs.
From foznicatiō and all deadly sinne, & from all the deceites of the wozld, the flesh and the deuill.
Good Lozd deliuer vs.
From lightnynges and tempestes, from plague, pestilence, & famine, from battell and murther, and from sodaine death.
Good Lozd deliuer vs.
From all sedition & priuie conspiracie, from all

false doctrine and heresie, from all hardnes of hart, and cõtempt of thy word and commaundement.
Good Lord deliuer vs.
By the mysterie of thy holy incarnation, by thy holy natiuitie and circũcision, by thy Baptisme, fasting, and temptation.
Good Lord deliuer vs.
By thine agonie & bloudy swette, by thy Crosse and passion, by thy precious death and buriall, by thy glorious resurrectiõ and ascention, and by the com=

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commyng of the holy Ghost.

God Lord deliuer vs.

In all tyme of our tribulation, in all tyme of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the day of iudgement.

God Lord deliuer vs.

We sinners do beseeche thee to heare vs (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and gouerne thy holy Churche vniuersally in the right way.

We beseeche thee to

heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to keepe and ſtrēgthen in the true worſhippyng of thee, in righteouſneſſe and holyneſſe of life, thy ſeruaūt Elizabeth our moſt gracious Queene and gouernour.

We beſeech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe thee to rule her hart in thy fayth, feare, and loue, and that ſhe may euermore haue affiaunce in thee, and euer ſeeke thy honour and glory.

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We beſeech thee.&c.
That it may pleaſe thee to be her defēder and kee-per, giuyng her the victo-rie ouer all her ēnemies.

We beſeech thee.&c.
That it may pleaſe thee to illuminate all Biſhops Paſtors, and Miniſters of the Church, with true knowledge and vnderſtā-dyng of thy Word, & that both by their preachyng and liuyng they may ſet it forth and ſhewe it accor-dyngly.

We beſeech thee.&c.

That it may pleaſe thee to endue the Lordes of the Counſell, and all the Nobilitie, with grace, wiſedome, and vnderſtandyng.

We beſeech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe thee to bleſſe and keepe the Magiſtrates, geuyng thē grace to execute iuſtice and to maintayne truth.

We beſeech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe thee to bleſſe and keepe all thy people.

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We beſeech thee. &c.
That it may pleaſe thee to geue to all nations vnitie, peace, and cõcorde.

We beſeech thee. &c.
That it may pleaſe thee to geue vs an hart to loue and dread thee, and diligẽtly to liue after thy commaundements.

We beſeech thee. &c.
That it may pleaſe thee to geue all thy people increaſe of grace to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bryng

forth the fruites of the ſpirite.

We beſeech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe thee to bring into the way of truth, all ſuch as haue erred and are deceiued.

We beſeech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſtrengthen ſuch as do ſtand, and to comfort and helpe the weake harted, & to rayſe vp them that fal, and finally to beate downe Sathan vnder our feete.

We beſeech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſuc-

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succour, helpe, & comfort all that be in dañger, necessitie, and tribulation.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it may please thee to preserue all that trauell by lãd, or by water, all women labouryng of child, all sicke persons, & young children, to shew thy pitie vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it may please thee to defend and prouide for the fatherlesse children & widowes, and all that be

desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee. &c.
That it may please thee to haue mercy vppon all men.

We beseech thee. &c.
That it may please thee to forgiue our enemies, persecuters, and slaunderers, and to turne their hartes.

We beseech thee. &c.
That it may please thee to geue and preserue to our vse the kyndly fruits of the earth, so as in due tyme we may enioy the.

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We beseech thee. &c. That it may please thee to geue vs true repentaunce, to forgeue vs all our sinnes, negligences & ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy spirite, to amend our liues according to thy holy word.

We beseech thee. &c. Sonne of God, we beseech thee to heare vs.

Sonne of God, we. &c. O Lambe of God that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Graunt

Graunt vs thy peace.
O Lambe of God that takest away the sinnes of the world.
Haue mercy vpon vs.
O Christ heare vs.
O Christ heare vs.
Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.
Lord haue mercy.&c.
Christ haue mercy vpon vs.
Christ haue mercy.&c
Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.
Lord haue mercy.&c.
☞ Our Father.&c.

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And leade vs not into temptation.

But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

The versicle.

O Lord deale not with vs after our sinnes.

Aunswere.

Neither reward vs after our iniquities.

Let vs pray.

O God mercyfull Father, that despisest not the sighyng of a contrite hart, nor the desire of such as be sorowfull, mercyfully assist our prayers

yers that we make be-
fore thee in all our trou-
bles & aduersities when
so euer they oppresse vs:
and graciously heare vs,
that those euils, which
the craft and subtiltie of
the Deuill, or man work-
eth agaynst vs, bee
brought to nought, and
by the prouidence of thy
goodnesse, they may be
dispersed, that we thy
seruauntes beyng hurt
by no persecutions, may
euermore geue thankes
vnto thee in thy holy
Church

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Church, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, & deliuer vs for thy names sake.

O God we haue heard with our eares, and our Fathers haue declared vnto vs ỹ noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes, & in the old tyme before them.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thyne honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the sonne, and to the

the holy Ghost. As it was in the begynnyng, is now. &c. Amen.

From our enemies defēd vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrowes of our hartes.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Fauorably with mercy heare our prayers.

O Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.

Both nowe and euer vouchsafe to heare vs, O Christ.

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Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christe: graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.

As we doe put our trust in thee.

Let vs pray.

WE humbly beseeche thee (O Father) mercifully to looke vpon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy names sake turne from vs all those euils that we most righteously haue deserued.

M.I. And

And graunt that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serue thee in holynes & pureneſſe of liuyng, to thy honor and glory, through our onely Mediator and aduocate Iesus Christ our Lord.

¶ A prayer for the Queenes Maiestie.

O Lord our heauen'y Father, Kyng of Kyngs, Lord of Lords, the onely ruler of Princes,

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ces, which doest from thy throne behold all the dwellers vpon the earth: most hartely we beseeche thee with thy fauour to behold our most gracious soueraine Lady Quene Elizabeth, and so replenish her with the grace of thy holy sprite, that she may alway incline to thy will & walke in thy way. Indue her plentifully w heauenly giftes: graunt her in health and wealth log to liue: stregth on her that she may vanquish &

ouercome all her ene=
myes. And finally after
this life, she may attayne
euerlastyng ioy and felici=
ty, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

An other for the Queene and all the states of the Realme.

O Almighty and most
mercyfull Father of
heauen and earth, we yeld
(as we are bound) most
hartie thankes and wor=
thy prayse vnto thy holy
name, for the innumera=
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ble and inestimable bene-
fites, that of thy Father-
ly goodnes thou hast grau-
ted to the whole congre-
gatiō and flocke in all the
world: but especially for
the vnspeakeable bles-
singes that thou hast so
louyngly and so plentiful-
ly powred vpon the little
flocke in this land, by the
lōg, and peaceable & pro-
sperous raigne of our hap
py & gracious Quene.
Beseechyng thee of thy
goodnes, O Lord, to per-
seuere and continue, in

blessing her, to thy good pleasure and will. That as thou preserued Dauid, from the violence of Saule: and Daniell from the Lyons iawes, and Sydracke frō the fierie flames. That as thou gaue policie and heauenly wisedome, fortitude & strength to Deboza in Iudging Israell, to Iaell in naylyng the head of Sysera to the ground, to Iudith in killyng Holofernes the enemy of God and to good Susanna in

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confoundyng her foes, & in vāquishing those wicked Iudges that sought her vtter decay: that euē so thou wouldest of thine infinite goodnes, and vnspeakable prouidēce, preserue and deliuer thy seruaunt our most gracious Quēne Elizabeth, that neither cruell enemyes, nor craftye foes, nor roaryng Lyons, nor rauenyng Wolues, nor spurnyng flesh, nor flatteryng world, nor suttle Deuill, nor any thyng shall euer

be able to preuayle a=
gaynſt her: but that in
thy ſtrength (O Lord)
and thorough the power
of thy might, ſhe may
vanquiſhe and ouercome
them all.

Graunt O mercy=
full Father, that our go=
uerneſſe and gracious
Queene, may lyue and
Iudge this litle Ile, and
corner of Iſrael, with as
good ſucceſſe, as long cō=
tinuaunce, as great feli=
citie, as happy eſtate, and
as much godlyneſſe as e=
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uer did any to the honour and glory of thy name.

Graunt that by the truth of the Gospell she may nayle the head of Antechrist so fast vnto the ground, that he shall neuer be able to recouer himselfe agayne.

Graunt that she may vtterly confounde and ouercome all rash iudgers, & false accusers of Gods people and word, whiche haue sought most vngraciously not onely to deflowre and violate, but al-

so vtterly to confounde & roote out the pure veritie & truth of the glorious Gospell of Jesus Christ.

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Graunt that her honorable Counsellers may be replenished with such wisedome and grace, her Magistrates with such equitie & righteousnesse, her ministers with such faythfull diligẽce and all her subiectes in generall, with such duetifull obedience, in euery pointe, that we may all with one

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one accorde (vnited and knit together in the feare & loue of the Lord) seeke the glory of his name, the health of our Prince, the wealth of our countrey, the profite of our neighbours, and the healthe of our owne soules.

Graunt O heauenly Father that thy Gospell may florish, and godlinesse increase in euery place.

Graunt that superiours may be truely honored, & inferiours rightly gouerned in euery place.

Graunt

Letanie.

Graunt that the poore may be pitied, the wi-dow defended the father-lesse helped, and the iust cause maintained.

Graunt that our Lamppes may be filled with Oyle, (that is) that our harres may be furnished with repentaūce and fayth, & our conuersations adopnished with aboundaunce of Godly deedes, at the knockyng of death, and comming of thy Sonne. That so we may be euerlastyngly re-

warded

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warded at thy handes (O blessed Lord God) not for our merites, but for thy manifold & great mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord, & onely Sauiour. Amen.

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¶ For rayne, if the tyme require.

O God heauenly Father, whiche by thy Sonne Jesus Christ hast promised to all them that seeke thy kingdome, and righteousnesse therof, all thinges necessarie to

to theyr bodyly sustē=
naunce: send vs we be=
seech thee in this our ne=
cessitie such moderate
rayne & shoures that we
may receiue the fruites
of the earth to our com=
fort, and to thy honour,
thorough Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

¶ For fayre wether.

O Lord God whiche
for the sinne of man,
didest once drowne all
the worlde except eight
persons, and afterward
of

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of thy great mercy diddſt
promiſe neuer to deſtroy
it ſo agayne, we humbly
beſeeche thee, that al=
though we for our iniq=
uities haue worthily
deſerued this plague of
rayne, and waters: yet
vppon our true repen=
taunce thou wilt ſend vs
ſuch weather, whereby
we may receiue ye fruites
of the earth in due ſea=
ſon, and learne both by
thy punihment to amēd
our liues, and for thy cle=
mēcie to geue thee prayſe
and

and glory, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer of Chrisostome.

ALmightie GOD, which hast giuen vs grace at this tyme with one accorde to make our cõmon supplicatiõs vnto thee, & doest promise, that when two or three be gathered together in thy name, ỹ wilt graunt their requestes: Fulfill now (O Lorde) the desires

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ſires and petitions of thy ſeruaūtes as may be moſt expedient for them: gra-tyng vs in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life euerlaſtyng. Amen.

¶In the tyme of dearth and famine.

O God heauenly father, whoſe gift it is that the rayne doth fall, the earth is fruitfull, beaſtes increaſe, & fiſhes do mul-tiply. Behold we beſeech thee, the afflictions of thy

people, and graunt that the ſcarcitie and dearth, whiche we do now moſt iuſtly ſuffer for our iniquitie, may through thy goodnes be mercyfully turned into cheapneſſe and plentie, for the loue of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: to whom with thee, and the holy Ghoſt. &c.

¶ An other.

O God mercyfull Father, whiche in the time of Heliſeus the Prophet diddeſt ſodenly turne in

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in Samaria, great scarcitie and dearth, into plētie and extreme famine into aboūdaunce of victuall: haue pitie vpon vs that now be punished for our sinnes, with like aduersitie, encreate the fruites of the earth by thy heauenly benedictiō. And graunt that we receiuing thy bountifull liberalitie, may vse the same to thy glory, our comfort, and reliefe of our needy neighbours, thorough Iesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

¶ In the tyme of Warre.

O Almightie GOD kyng of all kyngs, & gouernour of all thyngs, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belōgeth iustly to punish sinners, and to be mercyfull vnto thē that truely repent: saue and deliuer vs we humbly beseche thee, from the handes of our enemyes, abate their pride asswage

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asswage their malice, and confounde their deuises, that we beyng armed wt thy defence, may be preserued euermore from all perilles, to glorifie thee, which art the onely geuer of all victory, through the merites of thy onely sonne Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the tyme of any common plague or sickneſſe.

O Almightie GOD which in thy wrath,

in the time of kyng Dauid diddest slay with the plague of pestilẽce three score and ten thousand, and yet remembring thy mercy diddest saue the rest, haue pitie vpon vs miserable sinners, that nowe are visited with great sickenesse and mortalitie, that like as thou diddest then commaund thyne Aungels to ceasse from punishyng: So it may now please thee to withdraw from vs this plague & greuous sickenesse,

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neſſe, thorough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen

The end of the Letanie.

¶A prayer for a child at his goyng to ſchoole.

O Lord Jeſu Chriſt whiche beyng but a child of twelue yeares old diddeſt ſit and teach the Doctors in the Temple, and to whom thy father vtteryng his voyce from heauen gaue authoritie to teache all mankynd,

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saying, this is my welbe-
loued sonne in whom I
am well pleased, heare ye
him: ¶ Which art the euer
lastyng wisedome of the
souereine Father: I be-
seech thee vouchsafe so to
inlighten my witte as I
may atteyne to honest
learnyng, and vse the
same to the glory.
Amen.

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